

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are currently pending in the subject application, and are presently under consideration. Claims 1-10 have been rejected. Claims 1, 5, 6, and 10 have been amended. Claim 4 has been canceled. Favorable reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments and comments herein.

Rejection of Claims 1-10 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,922,074 to Richard, et al. ("Richard"). Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

Amended claim 1 has been amended to include the element from canceled claim 4, in that it recites configuring a first directory with information regarding users with signature certificates associated with a second enterprise PKI that are allowed access to a server. Richard teaches a first directory server that is capable of operating as a client to a second directory server when the first directory server cannot adequately respond to a client's directory-related query. It further discloses that servers and clients are issued identities from a "home" directory service before they participate in secure communications, and that their home directory service communicates with other directory services. Richard does not, however, teach or disclose a first directory configured with information regarding signature certificates of users associated with a second enterprise PKI that are allowed access to a server, as recited in claim 1. ⁷ The Office Action dated September 30, 2004 relies on FIGs. 6A and 6B to show that Richard teaches the element of claim 4. Representative for Applicant respectfully disagrees. FIGs. 6A and 6B teach verification of a digital signature from a certificate issuing authority and cross referencing of the client certificate with the verified digital signature of the certificate issuing authority to determine a match. FIGs. 6A and 6B do not teach that a first directory configured with information regarding users with signature certificates associated with a second enterprise PKI that are allowed access to the server, as recited in amended claim 1. Accordingly, claim 1 is not anticipated by Richard because Richard does not teach or disclose each and every element of claim 1. Withdrawal of

the rejection of claim 1, as well as claims 2, 3, and 5 which depend therefrom, is respectfully requested.

Amended claim 6 recites a directory including a directory entry that includes users with signature certificates from the second enterprise PKI that are allowed access to the server. Richard does not teach or disclose a directory including a directory entry that includes users with signature certificates from the second enterprise PKI that are allowed access to the server, as recited in claim 6. Accordingly, claim 6 is not anticipated by Richard because Richard does not teach or disclose each and every element of claim 6. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 6, as well as claims 7-9 which depend therefrom, is respectfully requested.

Amended claim 10 recites a server including a directory entry including users with signature certificates from the second enterprise PKI that are allowed access to the server. For the reasons discussed above with regard to claim 6, claim 10 should be patentable over Richard. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 10 is respectfully requested.

For the reasons described above, claims 1-10 should be patentable over the cited art. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

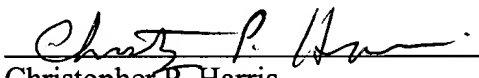
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and that the application be passed to issue.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,

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